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Dr. Ruth  
to appear  
at UTPA

Centerspread  
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## Comedians bring laughs to campus



Carlos Mencia

A night of comedy and fun featuring two comedians, Carlos Mencia and Billy "D" Washington, proved to be the antidote against boredom and midterms.

Washington broke the ice as the first on stage. He immediately proved to be a crowd favorite, as he made some spectators participants in his act.

After countless jokes, which ridiculed everything from body parts to dating tips, he had a message for those in attendance. "Even after you leave the show tonight, always find a reason to laugh everyday."

After Washington's act, Mencia's jokes targeted socio-political and racial issues, including the controversial lawsuit involving a famous taco-serving franchise and its use of a talking Chihuahua dog. His jokes had a clear message for those in attendance.

At the end of the show, some spectators shared their thoughts. "The show featured two great comedians who gave their best. It was worth waiting in line," said Manuel Martinez.

-Pedro Torres / The Pan American



Billy "D" Washington

## Living Author Series to host poet Snodgrass

Poet W. D. Snodgrass will lecture at UTPA Monday and Tuesday as the latest presenter in the Living Author Series of the Department of English.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Fine Arts Auditorium, Snodgrass will read and discuss his own poetry. At a second program at noon Tuesday, also in the Fine Arts Auditorium, he will read and discuss poetry other than his own. At both presentations, he will respond to questions from the audience and autograph copies of his works.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the office of the Department of English in CAS 211, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or at the door.

Snodgrass, an American poet who has also written under the pseudonym

S.S. Gardons, is considered a seminal figure in the Confessional school of poetry. He is credited with helping to initiate the movement with the publication of his first work, *Heart's Needle*, in 1959.

As part of his visit, the English Department Special Events Committee is organizing a W.D. Snodgrass Essay Contest.

Writers of the two top essays in two categories will receive \$100 and \$50 prizes donated by the South Texas Bookstore and will be recognized during the program Monday.

The Snodgrass visit marks the 20th year of the Living Author Series at UTPA. Past lecturers include Larry McMurtry, Czeslaw Milosz, James

Dickey, Edward Albee, John Gardner, Camila Jose Cela, Margaret Atwood, Alice Walker, Ernest Gaines, Carlos Fuentes, John Nichols, Ana Castillo, Sandra Cisneros, W.P. Kinsella, Margaret Drabble and Victor Villaseñor.

In conjunction with the Living Author Series, faculty members in the Department of English have edited and published festschrifts, collections of articles on the author's work that also include an interview with the author and a bibliography, on selected Living Author Series lecturers. Festschrifts on McMurtry, Albee, Drabble, Gardner and Atwood are currently available.



W. D. Snodgrass



## UT researchers try gene therapy to treat breast cancer

AUSTIN (AP) - Two University of Texas microbiology professors think they have a better way to treat breast cancer tumors than cutting, burning or poisoning them with chemotherapy. Jaquelin Dudley and Shelly Payne are banking on an experimental treatment based on gene therapy and two infectious organisms: a rare retrovirus that causes mammary tumors in some mice, and a common bacterium that causes dysentery in people.

"It wouldn't require any injection," Ms. Dudley said of the treatment. She and Ms. Payne have received a \$170,000 state grant to explore their theory in lab experiments with mice. "You would eat it with a little bit of sugar," Ms. Dudley told *The Austin American-Statesman*.

Gene therapy tries to cure diseases at their roots by replacing or modifying the abnormal genes that cause or contribute to cancers and other conditions. There are hundreds of gene-therapy trials under way around the world, but few use bacteria, if any. Retroviruses cause illnesses by copying part of their DNA into the genetic code of a host cell. People and animals get ill when the host cell's DNA prints out multiple copies of the invading organism.

The theory behind gene therapy is that once the harmful parts of the retrovirus are disabled, the healthy genes it delivers to cells will be copied into the host cell's genetic code, curing the disease. However, there are problems, such as how to get enough copies of a healthy gene into the right places in a cell's DNA to be effective without triggering a counterattack of antibodies from the immune system. Ms. Dudley and Ms. Payne say they see hope of attacking breast cancer with a retrovirus called mouse mammary tumor virus, which goes straight from a female mouse's stomach to the cells of its mammary glands. Besides uncer-

tainty over whether the virus will carry a healthy gene to a woman's mammary glands, the researchers also have to find a way of sneaking it past the digestive chemicals in her stomach.

The virus wouldn't survive in the stomach of even an adult mouse, so nature has arranged for it to be passed from one generation of mice to another in mother's milk. Once in an infant mouse's immature stomach, the virus hitches a ride to the mammary glands on white blood cells. The researchers hope to evade the chemical roadblock by tucking the gene-carrying virus inside a shigella bacterium. Shigella has strong cell walls and other protective mechanisms to help it survive stomach chemicals.

The bacterium would get inside intestinal cells, then die, letting the virus genes take over, said Ms. Payne, former chairwoman of the UT microbiology department. The first step, in experiments which take several months to complete, is to see if they can get the virus to deliver marker genes to the mammary glands of adult mice.

Their first four attempts failed when the shigella proved unable to survive in an adult mouse's stomach long enough for the virus to get into white blood cells. But after strengthening the shigella, the researchers successfully infected a dozen laboratory mice with the bacterium-virus delivery system and are waiting to see the results.

Eventually, they want to try using the retrovirus to make other deliveries to the mammary glands, such as toxic chemicals to kill cancer tumors or a set of genes to stimulate the immune system to do the job. If the idea proves effective in mice, Ms. Dudley and Ms. Payne plan to take their results to the National Institutes of Health for financing of preliminary trials in women with breast cancer.

***"It wouldn't require any injection... You would eat it with a little bit of sugar."***

**-Jaquelin Dudley**

# Q&A

## Do you think a college degree will get you a good job?

by Geronimo Disla



**Jennifer Sanchez**  
Sophomore  
Education

Yes. There are a lot of opportunities in my field. My degree is useful everywhere in the United States.



**Deshondra Stokes**  
Junior  
Pre-political science

Yes. After four years of school and much sacrifice made, I expect to a good job. Education pays.



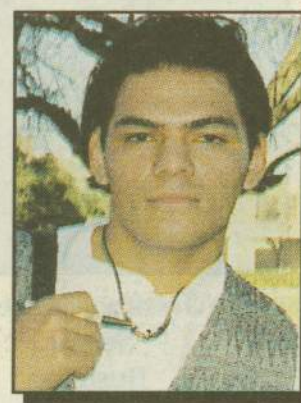
**Aaron Lara**  
Sophomore  
Engineer

Yes. My goals are to continue to law school. As a lawyer, I expect to earn little money until I gain some experience.



**Mikee Bolido**  
Freshman  
Pre-medical program

No. After graduation, you need to get any job you can find in your field in order to gain experience first.



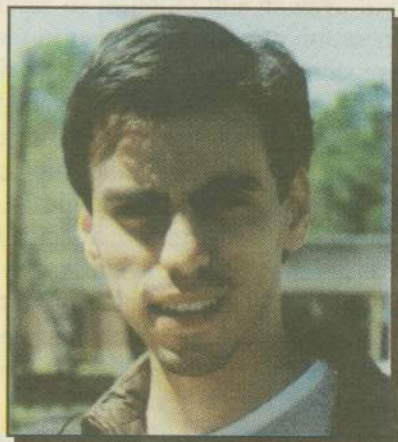
**Joe Fernandez**  
Freshman  
Art

Maybe. It depends on the major the student has. There is a lot of competition, but not enough jobs available here in the valley.



## Is the federal government doing enough to prevent juvenile crime?

✓ YES



**Paolo Asumoza**  
Junior  
Marketing

There are after school programs and clubs around town where kids can go. The government could expand these programs further. But it is not the responsibility of the government to babysit teenagers. The differences between right and wrong are taught in the home.



**Jessica Jimenez**  
Senior  
Business

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**-Rep Louise Slaughter**

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One component of the "America After-School Act" would provide \$1.25 billion over five years in matching grants to local public and private agencies for after-school prevention programs in high-crime neighborhoods and areas with high numbers of youths considered at risk for committing crimes.

To fund the grants this year, Kennedy's bill would direct that half of \$500 million already approved by Congress for juvenile justice law enforcement could be used for prevention activities.

Kennedy said that proposal has met with resistance from Republicans on the Judiciary Committee, chaired by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

"There will be a battle on the floor of the U.S. Senate," he said.

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ments could use for prevention.

"It can be used for anything," Lopatto said. "We feel that's the best way to go."

Kennedy, who estimated that 5 million children – some as young as 8 or 9 – spend some time alone after school, favors linking federal funds more directly to crime prevention efforts.

Crime prevention programs are a Democratic priority often denigrated by Republicans, who undermined them after taking over Congress in 1995.

Most prevention programs have been eliminated in favor of providing block grants with few strings attached to local communities.

Although the 1994 crime law, which spawned debate over the effectiveness of midnight basketball leagues and other efforts targeting at-risk youths, authorized \$6.9 billion for crime prevention, only \$688 million has been spent.

Kennedy's bill would also provide \$5 billion over five years to expand state block grants to increase the availability and affordability of before and after-school care for school-age children, and for weekend and summer activities.

Kennedy has suggested funding this through a tobacco tax or by reducing corporate tax breaks.

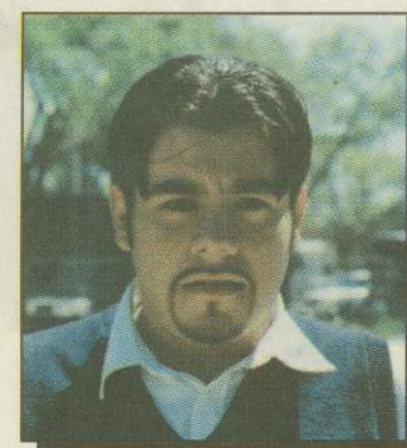
Another \$1 billion over five years would go toward helping public schools expand before- and after-school programs, such as by improving access to their libraries, gymnasiums and computer laboratories. This program is included in President Clinton's balanced budget proposal for 1999.

✓ NO



**Ludyvina Gomez**  
Sophomore  
English

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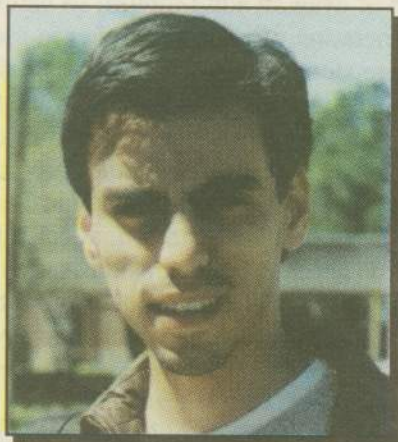
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## A new twist on the old substitute teacher routine

Professors at UTPA now have another alternative to canceling class if they cannot make it to teach. They can ask a representative of the Health Education Department at Student Health Services (SHS) to teach their students about sexually transmitted diseases, stress relief, nutrition or fitness.

SHS has in the last two months implemented their "Don't Cancel That Class" program. An SHS brochure states that the program "offers a positive alternative to canceling class. It's also an opportunity to raise awareness as well as promote responsible decision making in choosing healthy lifestyles."

SHS's Health Education Coordinator, Shanon Petty, delivered a Don't Cancel That Class presentation at a recent business class at UTPA.

"I'm not trying to teach you to manipulate other people," Petty told the students. She informed the students about people and personalities because, "People perform best when they are in positive relationships," said Petty.

At the beginning of her presentation, Petty passed out flyers about her topic to her audience. She also passed around an attendance sheet for students to sign at

the end of her presentation. She said that she delivers the attendance sheet to the professor of the class so she or he can know which students stayed for the presentation.

***"The Don't Cancel That Class' Program is an initiative of the Student Health Services' Health Education Department in response to health education needs across campus."***

**-Shanon Petty**

"We've received campus-wide support. Presentations have been made in the music, math, languages, business, communications, social and behavioral sciences and nursing departments," said Petty.

**-Anthony Caskey / The Pan American**

### Student Union Building . . .

## Advisory Board chooses site North of University Ballroom

The Student Union Advisory Board (SUAB) has agreed on a location for the University's Student Union Building. The building will be located north of the existing University Ballroom. Ground breaking on the initial phase of the \$7 million, 46,000-square-foot building is expected to begin in September, with a move in date of January 1, 2000.

Last April, students approved an increase of \$30 each regular semester and \$15 for summer sessions in Student Service fees to pay for the Student Union.

Members of SUAB traveled to UT-San Antonio, Southwest Texas State, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Southern Methodist University and University of North Texas to gather information on design and use of space at their respective Student Union Buildings.

"My involvement with SUAB has really opened my eyes to the realities of the business world. I have learned how important it is to document everything. It is a dog eat dog world," said Christina (Kiki) de la Fuente, Chair of SUAB.

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**-Judy Vinson**

student body what they want in their student union," said Judy Vinson, Vice President for Student Affairs.

The administration and several students on the SUAB have recently settled several issues that had been impeding progress. These issues were addressed in a memorandum dated March 10 from Vinson, and James Langabeer, Vice President for Business Affairs, to De la Fuente.

These issues included the location of the building, the clarification of term #8 on the January 20, 1997 Student Union Proposal. Term #8 deals with the \$1 million and \$250,000 contributions the University is making to the Student Union project, and the

## Graduate program accepts applications

UTPA is now accepting admission applications for a new graduate program in criminal justice scheduled to begin in fall 1998. Approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in January, the master of science in criminal justice is a cooperative program with UT-Brownsville.

The degree was granted to UTPA, with the understanding that the program would be conducted in cooperation with UT-Brownsville. A Graduate Program Committee will coordinate the program.

Faculty, courses, library and other resources from both institutions will be used, according to Dr. Dan Dearth, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and acting graduate program coordinator.

Admission application forms are available from the Department of Criminal Justice, Social and Behavioral Sciences Building Room 321 and from the Department of Criminal Justice at UT Brownsville.

Applicants can also have a form mailed to them by calling the department at 956/381-3566 or by calling UT Brownsville at 956/544-8993.

"Students will be applying to graduate study and the criminal justice program here at UT Pan American," Dearth said. He said he expects to have 15 to 20 students in the first class, with a maximum of about 40 in all phases of the program at UTPA and UT-Brownsville in the future.

The students are likely to be predominantly criminal justice professionals with bachelor's degrees, currently employed in criminal justice agencies and wanting a master's degree for career advancement.

"We also expect a smaller number of students who plan to go on to a Ph.D. in criminal justice," Dearth said.

**See Student Union page 11**



## MARCH

**TODAY - FAIR:** Women's Fair - Music in the Circle, sponsored by UPB, 11 to 1 in the UC Circle.

**TODAY - WORKSHOP:** Job interviewing from Noon to 1 p.m. in Room 153 Student Services Building.

**27 CONCERT:** Valley Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

**27 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. South Alabama (two games) at 4 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

**28 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. South Alabama at 1 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

**28 TRACK:** Men and Women's outdoor track host UTPA Invitational at UTPA campus track and field.

**29 CONCERT:** Faculty, alumni and friends chamber music concert at 3 p.m. in Fine Arts Auditorium.

**31 CONCERT:** UTPA Band concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

## APRIL

**2 MAGIC:** Steve Trash, environmental magician, sponsored by UBP, Noon to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle.

**2 SPEAKER:** Dr. Ruth Westheimer, "Sexually Speaking with Dr. Ruth", at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Media Theater.

**6 DEADLINE** for filing an application for degree with Admissions office for students expecting to graduate in December.

**7 WORKSHOP:** Resume writing from Noon to 1 p.m. in Room 153 Student Services Building.

**7 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. St. Mary's, Texas (two games) at 2 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

**9 PLAY DAY:** UTPA play day with games and prizes, sponsored by UPB, Noon to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle.

**10 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. New Orleans (two games) at 4 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

**11 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. New Orleans at 1 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

**11 PICNIC:** Parent-child picnic. Magicians, games, food and Easter egg hunt, sponsored by UPB, 2 - 5 p.m. in the UC Circle.

**14 CONCERT:** Jazz Ensemble concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

**16 TOURNAMENT,** Putt-O-Rama, sponsored by UPB, 11 to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle.

**21 WORKSHOP:** Job interviewing from Noon to 1 p.m. in Room 153 Student Services Building.

**22 - 26 PLAY:** *The Triumph of Love* at 8 p.m. (2 p.m. Sunday) at the University Theatre.

**24 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. Arkansas State (two games) at 4 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

**25 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. New Orleans at 1 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

**26 JOB FAIR:** Health career day from 9 a.m. to Noon in the University Center Ballroom.

### FOR INFORMATION

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Folkloric Dance Company . 381-2230  
Intramural office ..... 381-3673  
Music Department ..... 381-3471  
UTPA Theatre Box Office . 381-3581

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- Eve's mate
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- Lot of land
- Ms. McEntire
- Conical condo
- Flog
- Manipulated
- Fiery crime
- Certainly
- Nervous to the max
- Puppeteer Lewis
- So far
- Severe
- Single
- Haven's call
- French farewell
- African nation
- Stable female
- With 40A, dog breed
- Cowboy's nickname
- See 38A
- Fraternal order
- Only just
- Some South Africans
- Tweedle ending?
- Surrendered formally
- Zigzag turns
- Fem. address
- Open spot
- Since
- Cigar disposal
- Stag
- Roller-coaster thrills
- Latvian capital
- Land mass
- Brainstorm
- Out of control
- Cheryl and Alan
- British
- Conservative
- Small stakes

DOWN

- Chess man
- Call back?
- Parched
- Take back
- Island in the Antilles
- Destroyed intentionally
- Pres. Lincoln
- Manufactured
- Put on for show
- Deserve
- Area of a church
- August-born, mostly
- Easter season
- Yep
- Recolored fabric
- Is innate
- Hemmed and
- Astaire's sister
- "New Poems" poet
- Kitchen wrap
- Lewis and Jung
- Bicker
- Houdini's last name
- Agatha Christie play, with "The"
- Prague citizen
- Base meal?
- Vinegar-and-oil bottles
- Like lions but not bears
- Ore analysis
- Bondsman's outlay
- "Born Free" lioness
- Chilly
- Correct copy
- Hoarfrost
- In a tizzy
- Long-haired pack animals
- Church vow

3/27/98

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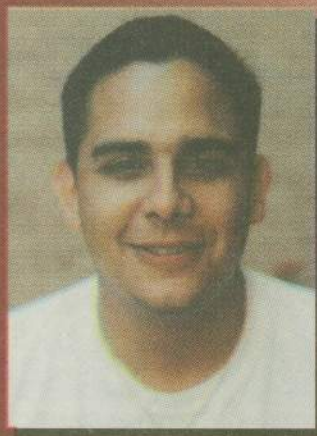
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# Some questions UTPA students would like to...

# Ask Dr.

Known for not holding anything back, her answers are straight to the point. The following responses show a small sample of Dr. Westheimer's answers to sexual topics from her Internet address: (<http://www.utpa.edu/~westheimer>)



Brian de la Rosa  
Freshman  
Computer Science

*How long  
do women  
like men to  
last?*



Abigail Perez  
Freshman  
Occupational Therapist

*Who has  
more control  
over their  
hormones,  
males or  
females?*



Tony Dimas  
Junior  
Communication

*Where do  
you stand  
on homo-  
sexuality?*



Mary Munoz  
Junior  
Math

*Should size  
really matter?*

**If he spends enough time on foreplay, you could guide his hand, or even his big toe, to teach him what kind of stimulation you need.**

**...do something to enlarge your penis, that's not the case. What you need to enlarge is your self-confidence as a lover.**

**Sperm that are swallowed are not harmful. However, the ejaculation may contain other bodies, like germs and viruses that are.**



## Her Bio

- Born in Germany in 1928.
- At 16, Jewish Freedom Fighter for Israel.
- Immigrated to US in 1956.
- Ed.D in 1970 from Columbia University.
- Taught at Lehman College, Adelphi University and West Point.
- Currently teaches at NYU and owns a private practice.

**P**sychosexual therapist, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, twice named "College Lecturer of the Year", will visit the UTPA campus next Thursday.

Dr. Westheimer helped to pioneer the field of media psychology with her radio program "Sexually Speaking."

It began as a 15-minute program, then a year later expanded

to one-houring which became known as "Dr. Ruth."

She now travels across the country giving lectures at universities and sharing her

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| Who:     | Dr. Ruth Westheimer |
| When:    | Thursday, 7:30 PM   |
| Where:   | McGraw-Hill Hall    |
| Tickets: | \$2.00 / \$4.00     |



# SPREAD

## Ruth

Sincere and straight to the point, Dr. Ruth's advice regarding sex (www.drruth.com).

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live, during the time she is known as "Dr. Ruth." She travels all over the country to universities to give her expertise.

Dr. Ruth Westheimer

Thursday, April 2, 10 p.m.

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on sexual topics.

The lecture also will include a question and answer portion. Those who wish to participate should arrive early to submit their questions on a 3 x 5 index card.

Seating is limited. Tickets are available in Room 205 at the University Center. Prices are \$2 for students, \$4 for faculty and staff, and \$6 for the general public. For more information, call 381-3676.

## Her Work



- Author of 15 books.
- Radio Talk Show Host.
- Syndicated newspaper columnist.
- Broadcast and Cable TV shows.
- *People* magazine named her one of the most intriguing people of the century.
- Twice named "College Lecturer of the year."

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*Do you think women really enjoy sex as much as men do?*



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Freshman  
Nursing

*Why do men want to have sex all the time?*



**Nik Villarreal**  
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*Why do women take longer to have orgasm?*



**Lilyana Zapata**  
Junior  
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*Where do you get your input on sex?*



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*Do females play more dominant roles than men?*









Joe Carranza, Junior, checks out one of the most popular editions of THE PAN AMERICAN while next to one of the new newspaper boxes.



## Additional boxes improve newspaper distribution

THE PAN AMERICAN recently took another step in improving its service to the campus and community with the addition of 50 high quality newspaper boxes. The boxes will replace the metal racks used in the past. They will be placed not only around the campus but in prime locations within the Edinburg community, such as Wal-Mart, the County Courthouse, and UTPA Annex.

"The new boxes will enable staff members to distribute the newspaper later, since they can now be placed outside buildings that are closed. Previously, we had to distribute while buildings were still open.

"This will give us more flexibility with later deadlines, thereby making later breaking news more available to readers," said Robert Rollins, newspaper advisor.

The 50 boxes cost about \$7,000 - a \$140 per box, and were manufactured in Canada. The older stands will be refurbished and placed in shops and stores throughout Edinburg.

-Staff Reports

## Student Union - cont. from page 5

'strings' that might have come with the contributions. Another issue that had to be worked out was the use of existing space in the UC Center after the completion of the Student Union.

"We felt like the space in the UC Center was originally intended for the students and should be kept as student areas," said de la Fuente.

The memorandum from Vinson and Langabeer to de la Fuente reads, "The existing University Center space will be identified as part of the student union complex and will remain primarily student union / student service space... This will hold true unless an emergency or some other unforeseen circumstance necessitates the use of the building for other purposes. Please keep in mind that, while the University wishes to honor this commitment, the administration sometimes must make the final determination on space utilization."

"The loss of the open space is minimal when the students will benefit from the use of the student union," said Vinson.

According to de la Fuente it was difficult to deal with the administration at times.

"We finally agreed on the issues that were undecided. The location is near the Quad, the contributions will be made without 'strings' and the space in the UC Center will remain student oriented. This allows all of us to concentrate on the design of the building," said de la Fuente.

The next stage in the project is to hire an architect to design the structure.

"We hope to have the plans finished by mid-summer," said Vinson.

-Jeff Owens / The Pan American



Dr. Dean R. Canty conducts the band at a recent performance.

## Concert Band to perform At Fine Arts Auditorium

The UTPA Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Dean R. Canty, associate professor of music, will present a "Classic Works for Band" concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the university's Fine Arts Auditorium.

Featured music will be early transcriptions from great orchestral and opera material - The Barber of Seville by Rossini, "Finale" from the New World Symphony by Dvorak, "Coronation Scene" from Boris Godounow by Moussorgsky and Mannin Veen by Haydn Wood.

"Chorale and Alleluia," one of the first

works written for band by a major composer, Howard Hanson, will also be featured.

The group's performance of "Rubores" by Marquina, "The White Rose March" by Sousa and "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite" by Karl King will showcase the band in a more traditional style.

Tickets are \$3 general admission and \$2 for senior citizens and UTPA students, faculty and staff with I.D.

For more information, call the Department of Music at 381-3471.





Fred Drasner  
Chief Executive Officer

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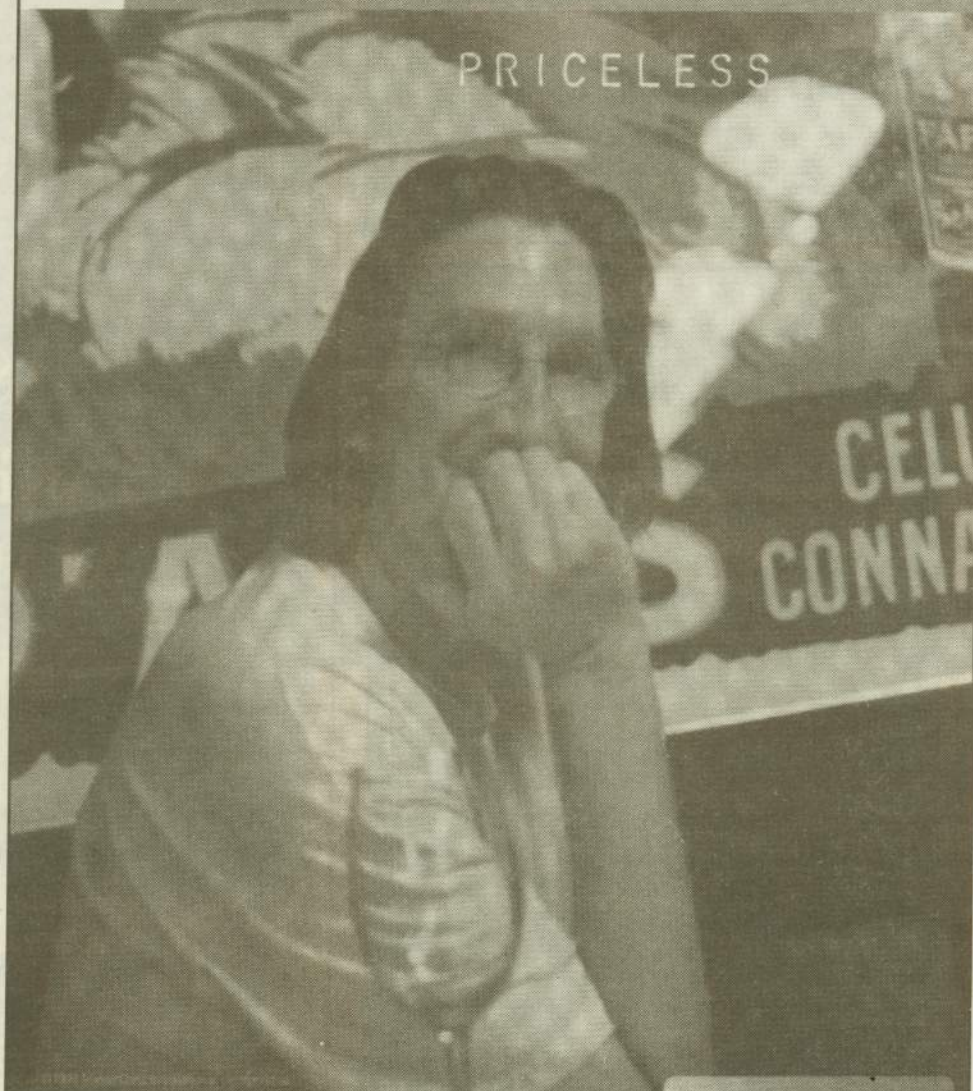
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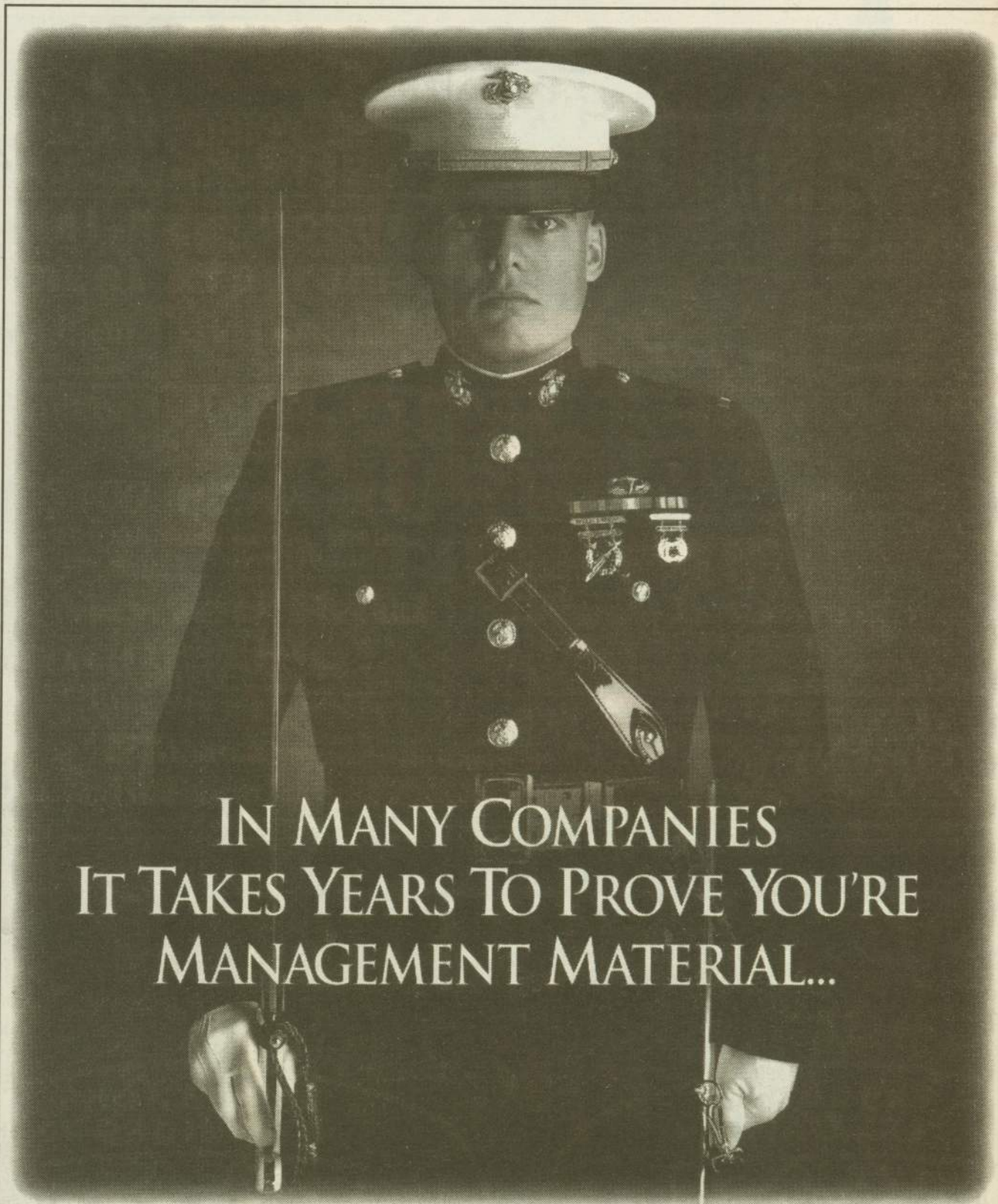
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## Tracksters race away with 14 firsts at Javelina Relays

Gonzalo Gonzalez, Dawne Hill and Linda Moncivais each won two events as UTPA captured 14 first places at the Javelina Relays at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Coach Dana Colligan's Broncs and Lady Broncs did well in the collegiate division. No team scores were kept, but UTPA upheld its reputation as the only NCAA Division I team in the meet.

Moncivais won the 800 meter in 2:21.5 and the 1600 meter in 5:04. The two events were held at 2:25 and 5:50 p.m. Saturday, giving her just enough rest to complete the difficult double.

Hill took the shot put in 40-8.5 and the hammer (weight) throw in 119-1. Gonzalez dominated the men's weight events, winning the discus in 153-2 and the shot put in 52-6.



Other Bronc winners were Jaime Guzman, 400, 48.9; Michael Hernandez, 1500, 4:13; Peter Carreon, 3000 steeplechase, 9:34.4; Joe Medina, 5000, 15:32.5; and Kenneth McClain, high jump, 6-10. David Handy, a Bronc redshirt, competing unattached because he is redshirting in outdoor track, won the 800 in 1:55.1.

Amber Bonnett took the discus for the Lady Broncs at 119-5. Kaci Saenz scored the other Lady Bronc victory, the 3000 at 10:49.1. UTPA next will compete in the Ty Terrell Relays Saturday at Lamar University in Beaumont.

-UTPA Sports Reports

## Broncs charge the hill against Western Kentucky, 4-1, to open series

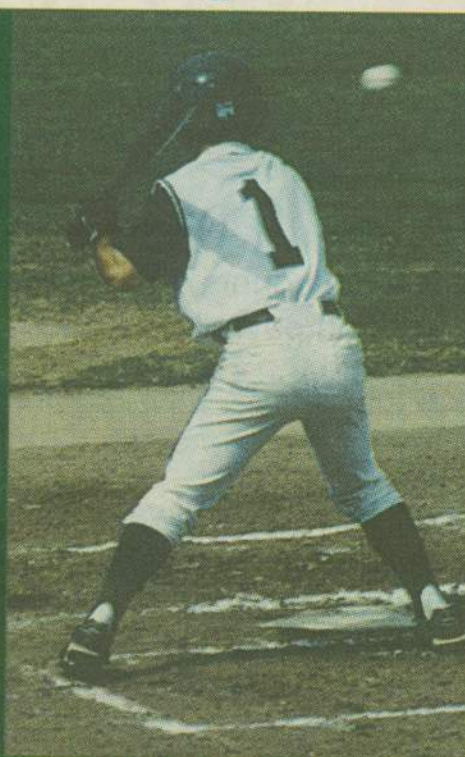
Omar Ortiz struck out four and allowed as many hits to lead UTPA past Western Kentucky 4-1 in a Sun Belt Conference contest at Nick Denes Field.

UTPA took advantage of four Hilltopper errors to improve to 10-16 overall and 4-3 in conference play. Western fell to 9-11 and 1-5.

The victory came in the first game of a scheduled doubleheader; however, the second game was suspended in the third inning because of poor weather conditions.

Ortiz, a sophomore from Brownsville, gave up three walks and an earned run in going the distance to improve to 2-3.

Josh Novotney dropped to 2-2 after surrendering five hits and just one earned run in nine innings of work.



Gabe De La Garza helped the Broncs get started as he scored in the first inning off a Leo Salinas hit.

The Broncs opened the scoring in the first inning when Gabe De La Garza scored on a grounder to the shortstop by Leo Salinas. De La Garza reached on a two-base error by third baseman Matt Idlett, before trotting over to third on a wild pitch.

Aaron Lakey's double in the third scored T.D. Taylor and Andy Adams grounder to first scored Salinas to up the Broncs lead to 3-0.

Western scored its only run in the fifth on an RBI-single by T. J. Freeman that plated Jeff Vance.

UTPA scored its only run in the eighth when Salinas scored on an error by shortstop Ryan Miller.

-UTPA Sports Reports



Jason Bottenfield

## Doubleheader victory assures series sweep for Western Kentucky

Despite taking the first game of the series against Western Kentucky, the Broncs were swept in a doubleheader by the Hilltoppers.

The first game was sealed by a Hilltopper rally that put them past the Broncs, 9-8. Things only went downhill in the nightcap as the Broncs were popped, 15-3. The game was called in the seventh inning on account of the 12-run mercy rule.

With the defeats the Broncs fall to 4-5 in conference action and 10-18 overall. Western Kentucky improves to 3-5 and 11-11.

The Broncs inability to stop the offense of Western Kentucky proved decisive in the Hilltoppers' victory. UTPA pitcher Jason Bottenfield (1-5) gave up 10 hits in the first game and lasted until the early 4th inning in the nightcap. Aaron Lakey hit his fifth homer of the year, but the few sparks were not enough to rally the Broncs.



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